



1 REMOTE-ACTUATED EXTERIOR VEHICLE SECURITY LIGHT

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A floodlight that is adapted to projecting a
pattern of light from the housing of a vehicle exterior
5 mirror on an area adjacent a portion of the vehicle in order
to create a lighted security zone in that area. The pattern
extends laterally onto the vehicle and downwardly and
rearwardly of the mirror housing. In this manner, the
lighted security zone extends from the vehicle door to the
10 rear of the vehicle. An actuator for the floodlight
includes a base unit in the vehicle and a remote transmitter
wherein the base unit is responsive to a signal from the
remote transmitter in order to actuate the floodlight. The
actuator may further include a lockout device in order to
15 prevent actuation of the floodlight during operation of the
vehicle. A signal light is additionally included in the
exterior mirror housing in order to project a second pattern
of light from the mirror housing extending laterally away
from the vehicle and rearwardly of the vehicle. In this
20 manner, the second pattern cannot be directly observed by
the driver of the vehicle but may be observed by the driver
of another vehicle passing the equipped vehicle. The signal
light operates in unison with a turn signal, brake signal,
or both, of the equipped vehicle.